

# 147th Combat Communications



## OUR PROUD HISTORY

The 147<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron was duly constituted as the 147<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Control Squadron (ACSQ) on 27 May 1946. Prior to its constitution, it was allocated to the National Guard Bureau and was later assigned to the State of California on 24 May 1946. The 147 ACSQ was authorized to organize as a unit on 20 June 1948 with the Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank, California, serving as its home base. The Secretary of the Army extended federal recognition to the unit on 18 July 1948. The unit was subsequently redesignated a type "A" Aircraft and Control Squadron on 1 October 1949. On 26 January 1951, the unit moved to its new home at San Fernando Valley Airport, now the Van Nuys Airport.

On 1 May 1951, the 147 ACSQ was ordered to active duty under General Order 41, Headquarters 4<sup>th</sup> Air Force, and transferred to Duncanville, Texas. The unit remained in Duncanville from 23 May 1951 until its return to Van Nuys on 1 February 1953.

In 1960, the 147 ACSQ was redesignated the 147<sup>th</sup> Communication Squadron (Tributary Team) under the command of the 162d Communications Group. The unit was subsequently redesignated a Mobile Communications Squadron in 1968, a Combat Communications Squadron in 1976, a Combat Information Systems Squadron in July of 1985, and finally a Combat Communications Squadron in 1 October 1986.

In March 1988, the unit was moved to its present location for the purpose of expanding operations and training facilities. Another important consideration was the need to facilitate the strategic dispersal of emergency communications in southern California. In fact, the squadron's primary function in peacetime is the provision of emergency communications and other needed assistance during state-declared emergencies.

The unit has participated in federal Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) exercises worldwide including Team Spirit in Korea, Display Determination in Italy, Tactical Fighter Weaponry in Denmark, Eager Tiger in Jordan, Nuevos Horizontes in Panama, and Partnership for Peace in the Ukraine. We have also supported the US Army in their Roving Sands exercise in New Mexico and the US Navy in Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstrations on the San Diego coast. The unit has proudly served in Bosnia, Columbia, Denmark, Dutch Antilles, El Salvador, England, Germany, Guam, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Italy, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Panama, Puerto Rico, Peru, Turkey, Ukraine, and the Virgin Islands.



Commanders:

Lt Col Douglas Hire (Current)

Lt Col Virgil Iler

Lt Col George Bowen

Lt Col Vern Parsons